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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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Inventor(s)

OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND MASTERING METHOD THEREFOR

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification (total pages 29 including:
 - a. 6 pages of claims (1-17 claims)
 - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. X 18 sheets of X informal formal drawings (Figs. 1A-18B)
3. Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (3 total pages)
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4. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. Incorporation By Reference
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. An assignment of the invention to (cover sheet & document(s))
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12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

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16. X Priority of application Nos. 10-269723 and 10-289547 filed in Japan on 9/24/98 and 10/12/98.

Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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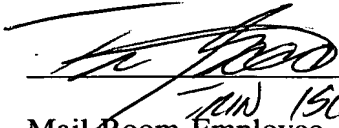
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